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I talked to [redacted]  
about whether to have more than  
one pre-dinner session. He  
said morning sessions are  
difficult but he will think  
about it & call me back



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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

VIA : Director, National Foreign Assessment Center

FROM : Coordinator for Academic Relations, NFAC

SUBJECT : Discussion/Dinner Proposal for November, "The  
Reliability of Soviet Allies in Eastern Europe"

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1. Action Requested: Approval of the above subject for our next Discussion/Dinner subject. Thursday, 8 November, has been tentatively reserved on your calendar for the purpose.

2. Background: The reliability of the allies of the Soviet Union in the Warsaw Pact is a subject of considerable current academic interest. The recent annual meeting of the American Political Science Association had a panel entitled, "Eastern Europe: Soviet Asset or Burden." Further, earlier in the year RAND conducted a study on the subject in which various academic specialists [ ] participated. These activities indicate that we can be sure of obtaining interested and well informed participants from outside. There are good reasons for renewed Government concern. We know, for example, that the Soviets have been rearming the WP forces with arms of improved quality. It is because of this development, in part, that there is currently even greater pressure than usual on the US and its NATO allies to strengthen the forces of the alliance. But there are also various indications of restlessness in Eastern Europe and of growing resistance to Soviet control. In sum, the perennial question of the reliability of the Soviet allies in the WP, especially in a period of military crisis, is both timely and worthy of re-examination.

3. I have discussed this topic with [ ] and they agree that it is a good one for which the time is ripe. [ ] who knows the scholars active in the field, suggests that we try for two or three from the following list.

Paul Marr, political economist, Univ. of Indiana  
Melvin Croan, E. Ger. and Sov. EE relations, Univ. of Wisconsin  
A. Ross Johnson, RAND  
James F. Brown, Radio Free Europe, Munich, West Germany

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4.  also agrees that because of the current interest in the subject plus the fact that some of the best outside prospects will come from a distance, we should invite them to spend the day with us so that they can meet with a larger number of interested analysts in the morning and afternoon before our dinner meeting. To do this we shall have to offer them a consultant fee in addition to travel and per diem. Bob especially recommends that we bring James Brown from Munich if he is available, saying that he is "the best in the field."

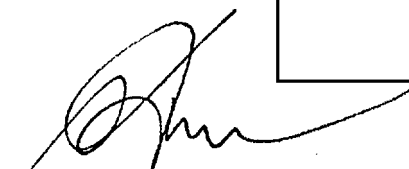
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5. Recommendation: That you approve the subject and date proposed above for our next scheduled DCI Discussion/Dinner so that the planning may proceed.



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Director of Central Intelligence

18 SEP 1979

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Date

DISAPPROVED:

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Director of Central Intelligence

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Date

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